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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

42 December 20, 2011

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**CHANGES IN WORK FOR A PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT
TUJUNGA WASH – HANSEN SPREADING GROUNDS
INTAKE IMPROVEMENTS AND OBERMEYER GATE SYSTEM
IN THE SUN VALLEY AREA OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve changes in work and the increased contract amount for a public works construction contract for Tujunga Wash – Hansen Spreading Grounds Intake Improvements and Obermeyer Gate System, in the Sun Valley area of the City of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

Find the requested changes in work related to replacement of the existing water diversion control system, with an increase in the contract amount of \$54,108, will have no significant effect on the environment and approve the changes and increased amount for Project ID No. FCC0001040, Tujunga Wash – Hansen Spreading Grounds Intake Improvements and Obermeyer Gate System, permit delay, flow diversion, control house relocation, and saw-cut repair, in the Sun Valley area of the City of Los Angeles, being performed by Environmental Construction, Inc.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain approval of the project from your Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, for the changes in this public works contract in support of the timely completion of the project while avoiding delays and the

potential for claims. The descriptions of the changes, estimated costs, and the necessary time extensions are listed in the enclosure.

The Chief Engineer or her designee has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Enclosed for your Board's approval are changes in work in excess of the Chief Engineer's delegated limited, which are required to complete the project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Approval of these changes will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These changes in work will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated change order amount for this contract is \$54,108.

Funding for these changes in work is included in Fiscal Year 2011-12 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

If these changes in work are not approved, contract completion will be delayed and increased costs incurred.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract for the construction of this public works improvement was awarded by your Board on May 27, 2010, to an apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid in accordance with the State Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Chief Engineer or her designee.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The changes in work as described above and in the enclosure do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contract provides that the contractor be compensated for the work resulting from changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs are based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the costs of the changes are included in the enclosure.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the requested changes by your Board will ensure the timely completion of work under the contract and result in complete and usable facilities.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

CHANGES IN WORK (APPROVE)
December 20, 2011

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001040 – Tujunga Wash – Hansen Spreading Grounds Intake Improvements, Obermeyer Gate System (in the Sun Valley area of the City of Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 3, Contractor: Environmental Construction, Inc.

Project Description:

Replacement of the existing water diversion control system and the performance of other appurtenant work.

Changes in Work:

(1) Permit delay	\$43,108.00
(2) Flow diversion modification	4,000.00
(3) Control house relocation	5,000.00
(4) Saw-cut repair	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$54,108.00</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) Obtaining the necessary Army Corps of Engineers Permit is taking longer than anticipated. As a result, work on the project is suspended until the permit is obtained. The contractor will be compensated for demobilization and remobilization costs including costs for field facilities.

(2) The spreading grounds inlet elevation is higher than shown on the project plans, requiring an increase in the height of the temporary water diversion. This work is necessary in order to adequately protect the work.

(3) It is necessary to relocate the control house structure as required by the Army Corp of Engineers. The contractor will be compensated for backfilling the previously excavated area.

(4) The location of the Obermeyer Gate was revised after the completion of saw-cut operations. Therefore, it is necessary to repair the original saw cut.

The cost for Item 1 was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications. The costs for Items 2, 3, and 4 will be based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

Twenty-five additional working days will be required because of these changes.

Financial Information:

Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$609,653.00
Changes in work to be approved	<u>54,108.00</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$663,761.00</u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	8.9%

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